



# Alliance *for* Kids

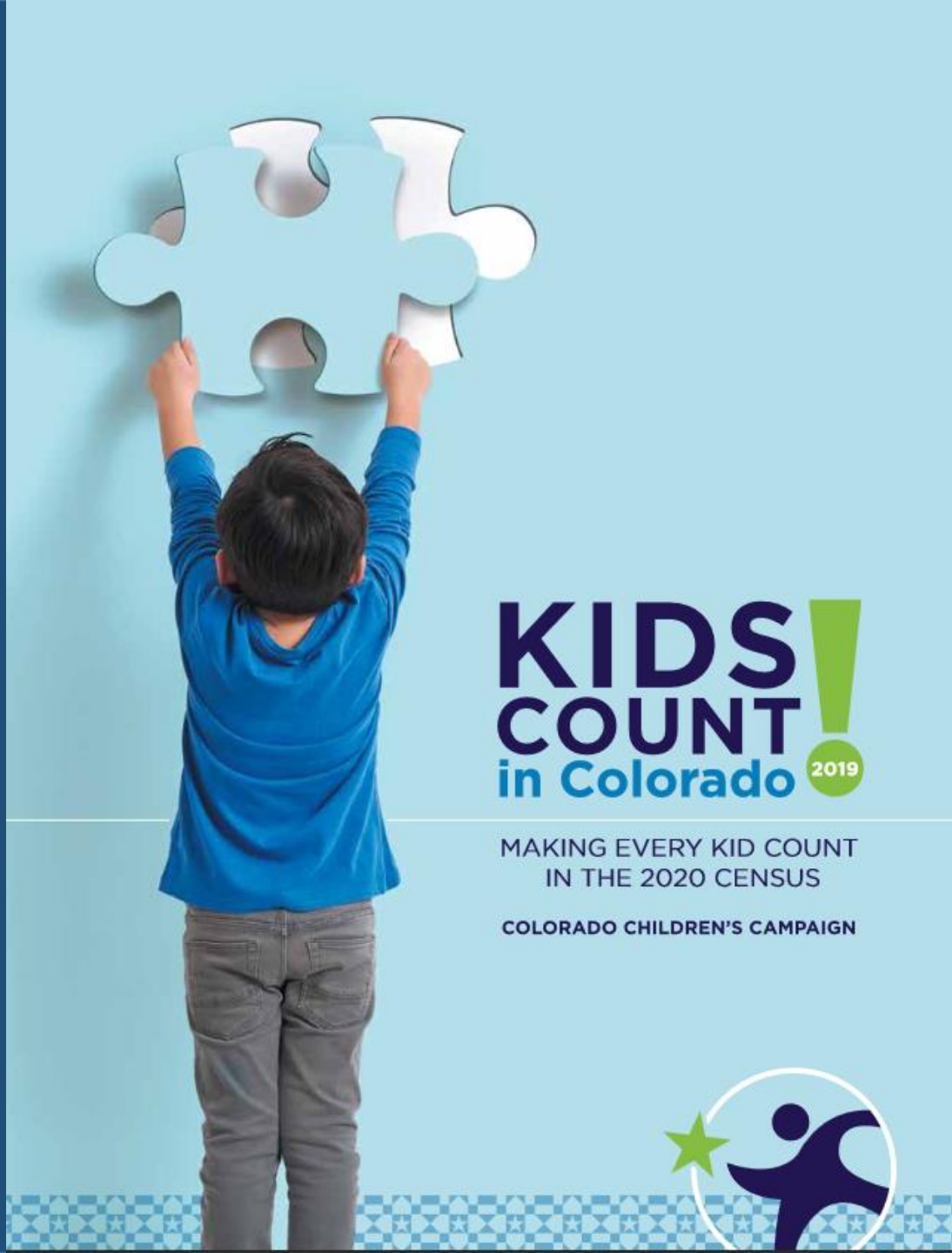
## **Vision:**

*The Alliance for Kids is dedicated to making El Paso County the best place to raise a child.*

## **Mission:**

*The Alliance for Kids will serve as a vehicle that brings together agencies and individuals to work collaboratively on a seamless system of care for young children and their families in El Paso County.*

El Paso County's Early Childhood Council



With El Paso County  
being home to

**46,731**

children under  
the age of five,  
Alliance for Kids  
serves more young  
children than any other  
Council in Colorado.



# Our Unique Community

**450**

Early Care and  
Education Programs

**54%**

Family Child Care Homes

**17**

School Districts

**105**

Early Care and  
Education Programs  
with a CCCAP Fiscal  
Agreement



EARLY CARE &  
EDUCATION WORLD



# Learning & Development



QUALITY INITIATIVES PROJECT:  
INCREASE access to  
HIGH QUALITY early care  
and education services and  
resources towards children's  
healthy development and  
SCHOOL READINESS SKILLS.

# Family Support & Education



INCREASE family KNOWLEDGE  
OF and ACCESS TO high quality  
comprehensive services and  
resources to promote healthy  
child development.

# Health & Well-Being



EXPAND the capacity of  
ECE PROFESSIONALS and  
COMMUNITY PARTNERS for  
POSITIVE SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT of young  
children, including those  
with special needs.





## Quality Initiatives

- Support the development and sustainability of quality early learning settings for ALL young children.
- Support the building of partnerships with families to ensure school readiness.
- Engage with partners, families and professionals to build responsive early childhood systems throughout El Paso County.

**Learning & Development**

**Alliance**  
*for* Kids



# COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



El Paso County  
has **2,815**  
children on  
CCCAP subsidy...  
more than  
any other county  
in Colorado.





# Workforce & Professional Development Supports





# FamilySPEAK

Family Support | Parent Education | Knowledge

FamilySPEAK is part of Alliance for Kids, El Paso County's Early Childhood Council



[FamilySPEAK.org](https://FamilySPEAK.org)

 @FamilySPEAK

Community Resource Directory

Family Support Line: 719.466.0099

# Positive Solutions for Families

## PSFF | 8 Sessions

Teaches parents/families of all backgrounds:

- How ACEs may be impacting them as parents; builds their skills using a strengths approach
- Promotion of children's social-emotional skills
- How to understand children's challenging behavior
- Use of positive approaches to help children learn appropriate behavior



- Filling your child's bucket, building child's emotional vocabulary, choices, and detective skills
- Removing "no," "stop," and "don't" from vocabulary
- How to investigate, ask questions
- Rewording "no," "stop," and "don't" into more positive language
- Play time, respond calmly, consistency, prepping for potential upcoming bad behaviors
- Talking about our plans, family rules (gathered together), revisiting the breath techniques
- ACEs



# Positive Solutions for Families

## Two additional sessions added:

1. ACEs taught by trained Mental Health Specialists (TRE)
2. Last session added on resiliency skills (this session was requested by parents)

## Training Success is attributed to:

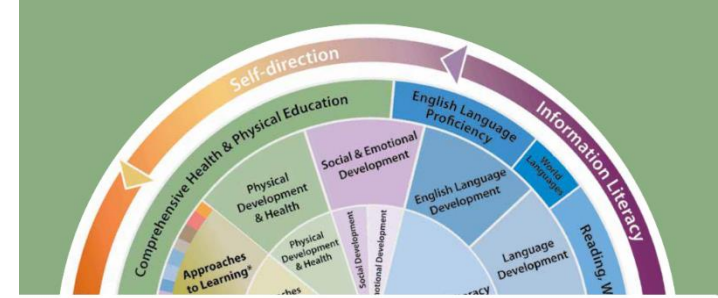
- Location/safe and trusted place for parents
- Develops an understanding of who they are: It's not "What's wrong with you," but rather "What happened to you?"
- Logistics build social capital
- Positive results from the training



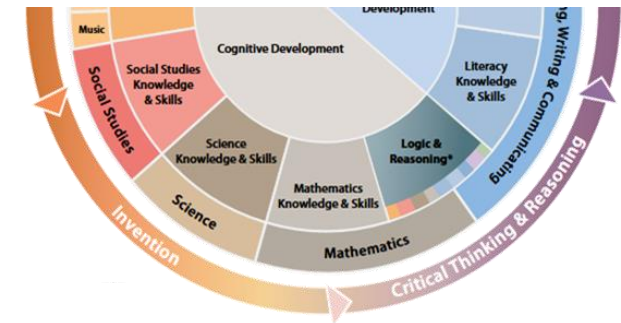
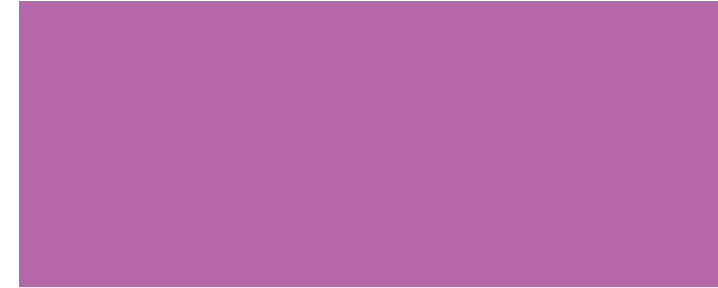
# Colorado Early Learning & Development Guidelines

**ELDGs build a 'hands on' understanding of child development and milestones for families.**

- Training for 150 parents and early care and education professionals
  - Face to Face trainings through a video series: 60 Participants received information on how to share ELDG information with families
- 100 parents introduced to ELDG videos at early care and education programs



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# Community Playgroups

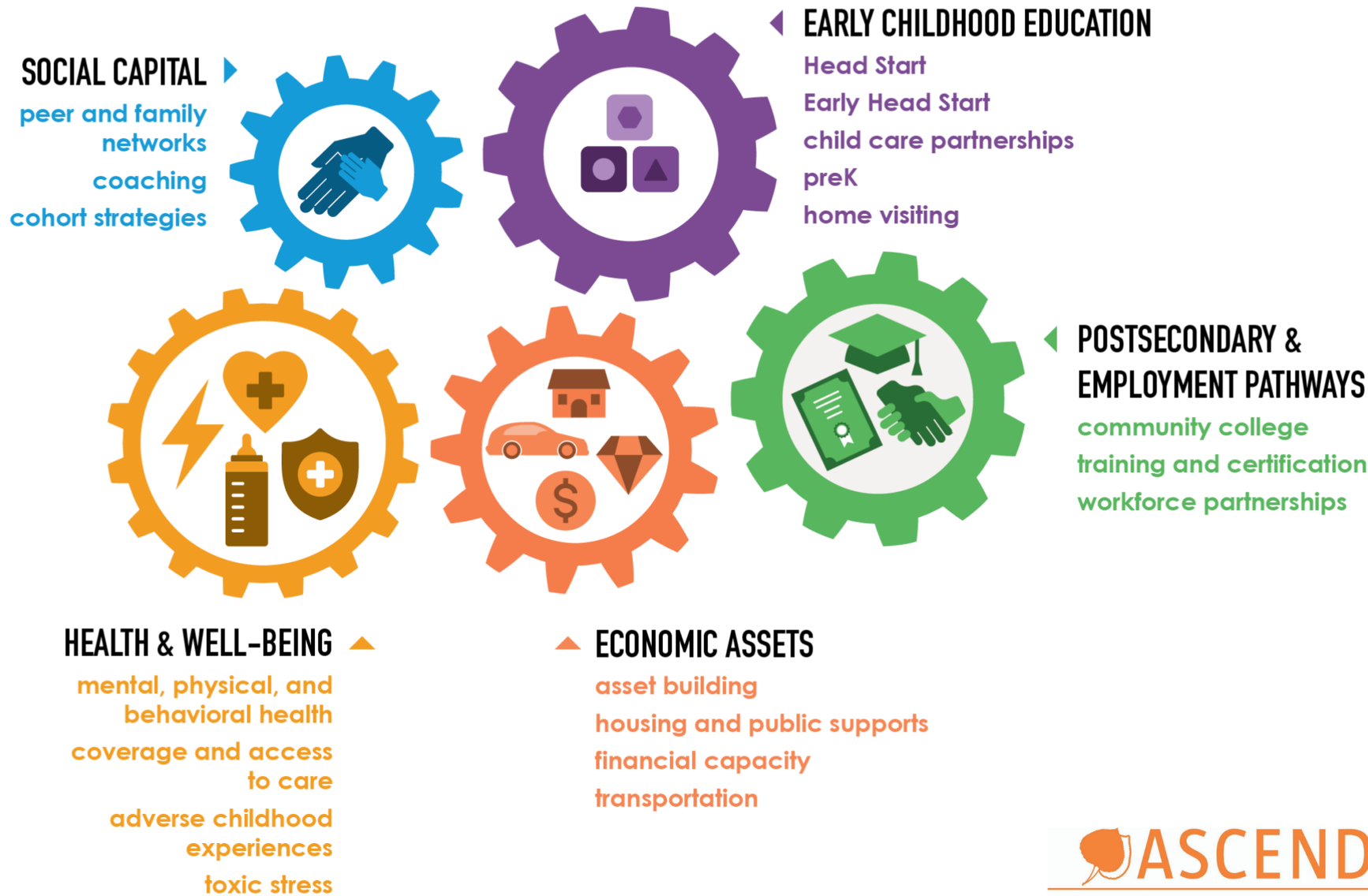
- Nurse Family Partnerships (WIC Office)
- Catholic Charities
  - 96% of children interact **more** with others their age
  - 79% of adults socialize **more** with other parents/caregivers
  - 88% **gained new** knowledge of community resources & Early Language and Literacy
  - 63% **gained new** knowledge of children's social emotional behavior

“My children have both grown and thrived as a result of participating with this program.”



# 2GO Project | 2Gen Core Components | 5 Gears

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ASCEND  
THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

Health &  
Well-Being



More than  
**1 in 10** Colorado  
children **under 6**  
have already  
been **exposed**  
**to two or more**  
**ACEs**. Among all  
Colorado kids  
**under 18, the**  
**number rises**  
**to 1 in 5.**



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# Adverse Childhood Experiences

- Trauma informed practices in early childhood settings in partnership with Peaceful Households
- ACEs training for ECE professionals
- ACEs incorporated into parent training piece (Positive Solutions for Families - PSFF)

peaceful  
households

Annual Conference

April 23, 2020

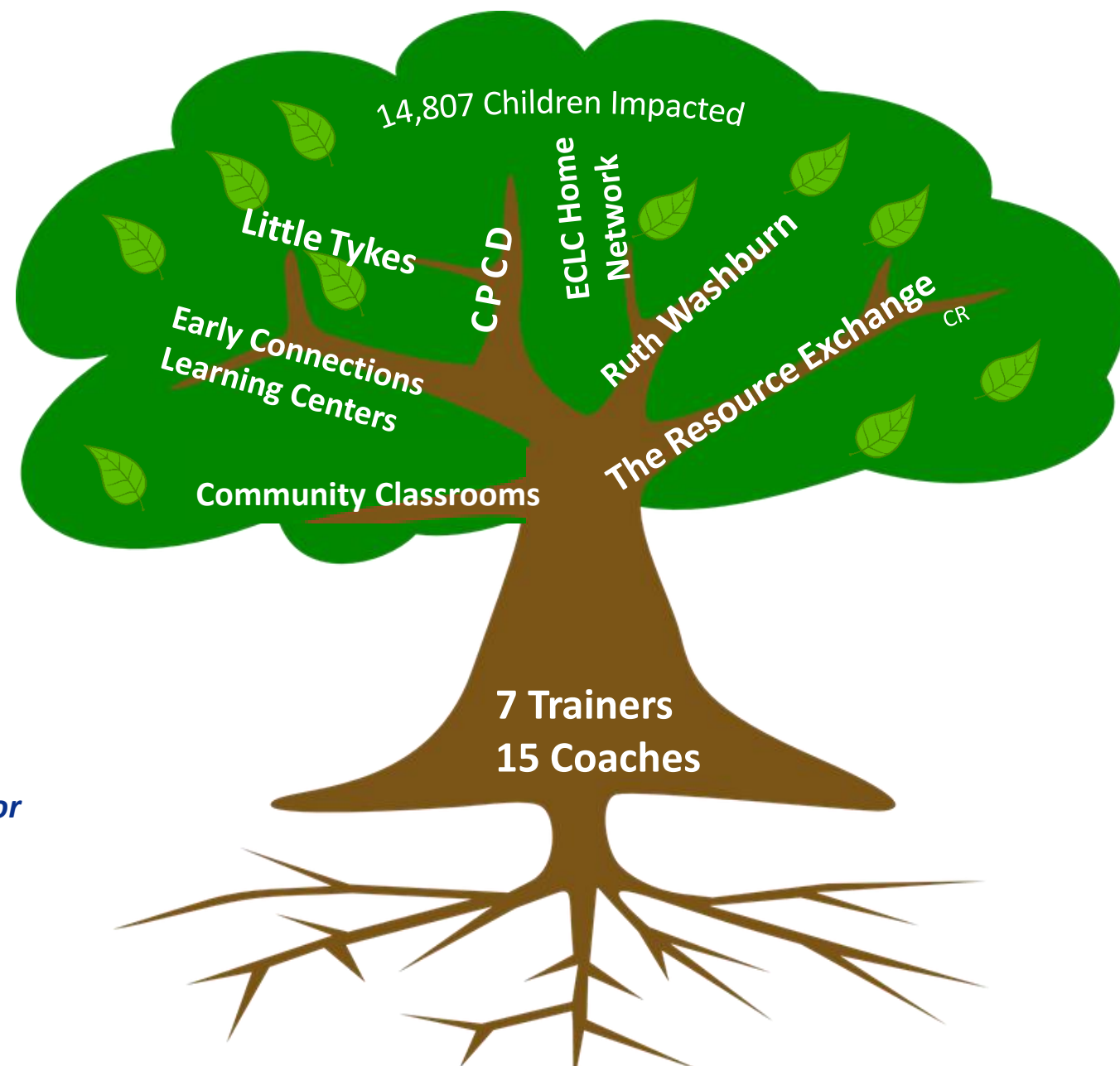
Childhood Trauma:  
Prevention & Healing

**Adverse  
Childhood  
Experiences**

ACEs Cohort 3  
Begins in April

# Pyramid Plus Project: Three-Year Results

- *6 Sustaining Implementation Sites*
- *568 trained in Pyramid Plus Approach*
- *229 teachers coached for a year*
- *69 (68%) teachers achieved fidelity to model (of 101 observed)*
  - *Supports their work in the inclusion of children with disabilities*
  - *Supports their work in promotion of children's social emotional competence*
  - *Supports their work in addressing challenging behavior*
- **14,807 children impacted**
- *6166 parents trained*
- *278 in Positive Solutions for Families*





# Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists

- AFK, in partnership with The Resource Exchange, offers an Early Childhood Specialists referral line.
- Support is for teachers, directors and parents of children birth to eight who are showing disruptive behaviors in a care or home setting.
- Establish plan to implement behavior interventions or to improve social/emotional supports in classrooms.



# Connect with our websites!



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# EARLY CHILDHOOD MATTERS

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